

Q. In other words, this interview is a plug for your ideas and your new books?

LEARY: Exactly. The flower-seed gambit. Hope you enjoyed it.

Q. It's interesting that the people you have praised in this interview are either writers--Kesey, Burroughs, Cleaver, Solzhenitsyn--or Scientists--Einstein, Lorenz, Sakarov.

LEARY: The only ones who have anything of interest to say are to be found among Scientist-Philosophers. They are the conscience brain and hope of the species. Notice that the people I praise are writers who use scientific metaphors, who describe neuro-physical drama or scientists who have become philosophers. Even Solzhenitsyn, you recall, was a scientist before he was busted for irreverence. Human evolution is the evolution of the nervous system. The future of the species is determined by our ability to listen to our Sci-Fi prophets. All the great prophets and philosophers, you understand, were Sci-Fi. Hitler fell because he lost his neurological elite--the small group of independent thinkers who are the greatest natural resource of a country.

Q. Why are you giving this interview?

LEARY: To call attention to the current neuro-political situation and to the vital evolutionary signals being transmitted by Kesey, Burroughs, Pynchon--and to be found in the books I am publishing now, on the occasion of my release from prison.

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